The Boke of Knowledge/

Whether a sycke person beynge in perylle/ shall lyue, or dye. &c.

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Ypocras most connyn-
ge of all Physicions, cōmaun-
ded that the Analogie of al his
workes of Phesycke shulde be
layde in his Sepulture vnder
his heed whiche was so done. And where as
the Emperoure of Rome commynge by his
Tombe sawe it rychelye wrought, supposed
that great treasure was hydde in it. For the
people i those dayes vsed moch to hyde theyr
money in tombes. And when it was opened
he foūde the sayd Analogy, there vnder his
heed, in which all his workes were he toke it
away & shewed it to nomā, but to Anadest⁹
a Phisicion. And in it they foūde medicines
most holsome for diseases of mannes body.
And fyrste of al was specyfyed the tokens,
which foloweth, that doth Pronostyke whyt-
her a sycke person beynge in peryll, shall
dye or lyue. &c.

¶ The fyrste token of death.

¶ Yf a mā haue swellynge in his face, or pay-
ne in his heed without cowghe / and putteth
his lefte hande ofte vpon his brest, & is besy
in clawyng of his nosethryls, betoken deth.

¶ Also an experyment to proue
lyfe or death.

¶ Yn

¶ Put his spyttell vpon burnynge roles, & yf it stinke he shal dye, & yf not he shal lyue.

¶ Another experyment of the same.

¶ Cause the sycke person to spytte in a vessell of water, & yf it go to the bottom, he shal lyue, and yf it swymme aboue he shall dye.

¶ Also the fourth token.

¶ If a man swete moche in any maner dyse sease, it is good, yf he dyspayre not.

¶ Another and the fyfte

¶ If the sycke tourne hym ofte to the wall, it is an euyll sygne.

¶ Another and the syxte.

¶ If the pacient haue thyn nosethrylles or the typ of his nose sharpe, or a sharpe loke, & holowe temples, hangynge lippes, & colde eares, & turneth his heed where his fete were it sygnyfyeth soone death.

¶ Another and the seuenth.

¶ If the paciente put his handes ofte to his heed and drawe his feete vp to hym, betoken that he shall escape.

¶ Also other tokens of death, whiche the connynge physyon Galyen set forth as soloweth.

¶ He saith that these are tokens of deth whā the forehed is red, the browes hāgeth downe.

The lefte eye is lasse & wateryth. The typ of of the nose whyte the chynne falleth, the fete coldeth, & the bely decayeth, is sygnes of deth.

¶ Also the nynth experyment to knowe lyfe lyfe or deth.

¶ Take the pacientes vryne, & a womans mylke, that noryssheth a man chylde, & medle them togyther, & yf they go in to one, he shall lyue, and yf they departe he shall dye.

¶ For to knowe whether ye shall dye within .xii. monthes or not

¶ Lette a droppe of your blode fallin to a dysshe of water. And yf he descende hole in to the botom, he shal lyue that yere, and yf not, but go abrode, not.

¶ Also another maner.

¶ If ye rub also well the forhed of the syeke with a Tablet, or other suche of Copper fro the one ere to the other, and yf he slepe after he shall lyue, or els not.

¶ Also of the sharpe ague anexperymente ofte proued.

¶ Take a curtesye of the pacientes blode & vryne, and medle it with the mylke of a woman that noryssheth a man chylde, and yf they myxe togyther, he shall lyue, or els he shall not.

¶ Also

¶ Also another and the eleuenth.

¶ If a frantyke man haue harde swellynge without disgestyon, he shal dye the .iv. daye.

¶ Also another and the twelfe.

¶ He that vometeth blode, and haue swellynge in any lymme, as toghte as a trumpette lyke an egipciane beane, shall dye the .vi. daye after.

¶ Also another and the thyrtene.

¶ If the eyes be holowe, and the mouth open whan he slepeth, and yf he be not accustomed so, and yf his left eye water he shall dye the thyrde daye.

¶ Another and the fourtene.

¶ If the pacient bydde the Physyon fare well, or stretche forth his feete, and caste his handes vpon his bely, he shall dye the thyrde daye.

¶ Another and the .xv.

¶ If the paciente bydde the Physyon fare well and put his handes to his hed, & draw vp his feete, he shall escape.

¶ Also the proue of a sycke man that can not slepe.

¶ Stampe henbane and mynte, and laye it on his forehed playsterwyse, and yf he slepe not soone after he shall dye.

Ipocras begynneth.

Who that falleth sycke the fyrste daye of the month, it is to be fered of hym the. ii. daye, the whiche yf he escape, he shall escape tyll the. xxx. day.

¶ And yf he fall sycke the seconde daye, it is to feare of hym the. x. daye, and yf he escape that he shal be longe sycke, notwithstandynge he shall escape.

¶ And yf he fall sycke the thyrde daye, he shall be delyuered without doubt.

¶ And yf he fall sycke the fourth daye, he shall be sore in payne tyll the. viii. daye and then he shall very well escape

¶ And yf he fal sycke the fyfth daye, he shal be sore sycke, yet he shall escape.

¶ And yf he fall sycke the syxt day, he shal seme to be hole, yet he shall dye some day of the next month.

¶ And yf he fall sycke the seuenth daye, he shall be delyuered without grefe.

And yf he fall sycke the eyght daye he shall be in metely helth tyll the eleuenth daye, & then after soone shall dye.

¶ And yf he fall sycke the nynth daye, he shall scape with meruaylous great payne.

¶ And

¶ And he that falleth ſycke the tenth daye he ſhall dye without doubt.
¶ And he that falleth ſycke the eleuenthe daye, he ſhall be delyuered the nexte daye.
¶ And yf he fall ſycke the twelfte daye, he ſhall dye the .xij. daye
¶ And yf he fall ſycke the .xiii. daye, he ſhall be ſore vexed tyll the .xiiii. daye, and yf he eſcape, then he ſhall be delyuered.
¶ And yf he fall ſycke the .xiiii. day he may eſcape, yf he lyue tyll the xij. daye.
¶ And he that taketh ſyckenes the .xij. day except he recouer within .xiii. dayes he ſhall dye, ſhortely after.
¶ And yf a man fall ſycke the .xij. daye, he ſhall be ſycke tyll the .xv. daye to eſcape.
¶ And yf a man take ſickenes the .xiii. day he ſhall dye the .x. daye.
¶ And yf a mā take ſyckenes the .xiiii. day he ſhall be delyuered at length.
¶ And yf a man take ſyckenes the .xv. day he ſhall be delyuered at length.
¶ And yf a perſon fall ſycke the .xx. daye the patient ſhall dye the nexte monthe.
¶ And he that fall ſycke the .xxi. daye, and he dye not the .x. after he ſhall be in great peril, yet he ſhall be deliuered the nexte monthe after.

¶ If

¶ If a bodye fall ſycke the.xvii.daye al thoughe he be in greuous payne tyll the.x. daye he ſhall not dye tyll the nexte month.

¶ If a perſon take ſyckenes the.xviii. day, he ſhall be delyuered thoughe it be with greuous payne the other month.

¶ If a perſon fall ſycke the.xviiii. daye, he ſhall dye the nexte month.

¶ If a perſon fall ſycke the.xv. day albeit he ſhall haue ſome payne, yet he ſhall well eſcape that daunger.

¶ If a bodye fall ſycke the.xvi. daye, yet he ſhall well eſcape.

¶ If a perſon fall ſycke the.xvii. thoughe he be at poynt of death, he ſhal be delyuered the nexte month.

¶ If a perſon fall ſycke the.xviii. day he is thretyn to dye, yet he maye eſcape.

¶ If a bodye fall ſycke the.xix. daye, yet he maye be delyuered the nexte monthe by tytell and tytell.

¶ If a perſon fall ſycke the.xx. day it is in doubte yf the pacient ſhall dye or lyue. And alſo the.xxi. daye lykewyſe.

¶ Explicit.

¶ Howe to knowe whether a wounded man ſhall dye or lyue.

¶ Stampe

¶ Stampe pympernell, and dyſtempre it with water, and gyue it hym to drynke, and yf it go out at the wounde, then he ſhall dye or elſe not.

¶ Another for the ſame.

¶ Gyue hym whyte Lettuſe to drynke with water, & yf he perbrake it, he ſhal oye, yf not he ſhall dye.

¶ A pronoſtycacion ſet forthe, by the ſayde Galien of the daunger of Peſtylencial Impoſtume after the partye of the body that it is in, howbeit in Godis all.

¶ Another begynneth of the ſpottes called goddes markes.

¶ When the Impoſtume is in the patientes face ſo paynefull that it maye not be touched, and he kepeth his lefte hande ofte vpon his breſte, know that he ſhall dye the.vi. daye, and ſpecyallye when he handeleth his noſethyrles in begynnynge of his ſyckenes, when great Impoſtumes are in eyther of both his knees, it is to knowe he ſhall not dye tyll after the.viii. daye, and then he maye eſcape, and eſpecyallye yf he ſweat moche at the begynnynge of his knees, when it chaunſeth that lytell whelkes commeth vpon the Bayne which is on the nape of the

necke, and vpon as it were a maner of pow
der, knowe that he shall dye the .ii. daye of
his syckenes, and especyall token is yf he
haue greate thurste at the begynnynge of
his syckenes, whan whelkes are vpon his
tonge lyke dogges flyes, knowe that he
shall dye the same day and the tokens is the
begynnynge of his syckenes, he desyreth
thynges whiche are naturallye hote. Whan
lytell blacke whelkes are vpon anye of his
fyngers, that are soore, knowe that he shal
the nexte daye after dye of that syckenes,
and an especyall token is yf he be payn
full and heuy in his body. Whan lytell
whyte whelkes are in the thombe
of the pacientes lefte hande, ly
ke browne beanes of co
loure or pale, whiche are
not soore.
Then knowe that the paci
ente shall dye the .iiii. day
of his syckenesse. Ano
ther token is that at
on the mydled too
of the lefte
foote.
¶ Finis.

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